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Cupcake Pincushion

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A Spud & Chloë Free Pattern

Finished measurements: 3-inches tall by 3-inches wide

Yarn:

Spud & Chloë Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 100 grams/160 yards), 1 skein each of Ice Cream #7500 and Watermelon #7512 and a small amount of Popsicle #7501 for the cherry

Tools and Materials:

US size 6 double-pointed needles, set of 4, or size to obtain gauge
Ruler or tape measure
Scissors
Yarn needle
Stitch marker
Polyester fiberfill (small amount)
Tomato pincushion (sample from JoAnn's, 2 ½ -inches wide, 1 ½ -inches tall)



Gauge:

5 ½ stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

k knit

p purl

st(s) stitch(es)

k2tog knit two stitches together

m1 make one stitch by placing the bar in between the stitches on the left needle and knitting it through the back loop

dpn(s) double-pointed needle(s)

rnd(s) round(s)

mb make bobble by kfb and in the front again (3 sts), turn, purl 3, turn, k3, pass the second and third sts over and off of the right needle.

**Pattern:**

Starting at the bottom of the cupcake with selected color, cast on 9 stitches placing 3 stitches on each of 3 dpns. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches and placing a stitch marker on the first stitch.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1 (5 sts per needle, 15 sts total)

Rnd 3: knit

Rnd 4: (k1, m1) repeat to the end of the rnd (10 sts per needle, 30 sts total)

Rnd 5: knit

Rnd 6: ((k2, m1) repeat 4 times, k2) on each needle (14 sts per needle, 42 sts total)

Rnd 7: knit

Rnd 8: (k1, m1, k to the last stitch, m1, k1) repeat on each needle (16 sts per needle, 48 sts total)

Rnd 9: knit

Rnd 10: purl

Arrange the stitches as follows:

Needles 1 and 2: 15 sts

Needle 3: 18 sts

Rnd 11: (k2, p1) repeat to the end of the rnd

Repeat round 11 until the cupcake measures 1 ½ inches above the purl round.

Frosting:

Switch to selected frosting color.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: (k8, m1) repeat to the end of the rnd (18 sts per needle, 54 sts total)

Arrange 18 sts on each of the 3 dpns.

Rnd 3: (k1, mb) repeat to the end of the round.

Rnds 4 and 5: knit

Rnd 6: (k7, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (16 sts per needle, 48 sts total remain)

Rnd 7: knit

At this point, place the end from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Close up the hole on the bottom with a few stitches. Pull the end to the inside, weave and trim. Fill the bottom of the cupcake with about an inch of fiberfill. If your tomato pincushion has the pepper attachment cut it off. Next place the tomato pincushion on top of the fiberfill. Stuff lightly and evenly around the sides of the tomato.

Continue stuffing with fiberfill as you finish the frosting top.



Rnd 8: (k6, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (14 sts per needle, 42 sts total remain)

Rnd 9: knit

Rnd 10: (k5, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (12 sts per needle, 36 sts total remain)

Rnd 11: (k4, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (10 sts per needle, 30 sts total remain)

Rnd 12: (k3, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (8 sts per needle, 24 sts total remain)

Rnd 13: knit

Rnd 14: (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (6 sts per needle, 18 sts total remain)

Finish any stuffing.

Rnd 15: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the rnd (4 sts per needle, 12 sts total remain)

Rnd 16: k2tog to the end of the rnd (2 sts per needle, 6 sts total remain)

Cherry:

Switch to the selected cherry color. As you attach the new yarn, leave an 8-inch end from the frosting yarn on the outside of the cupcake to use later.

Rnd 1: knit

Rnd 2: (k1, m1, k1) on each needle (3 sts per needle, 9 sts total)

Rnds 3-5: knit

Rnd 6: (k1, k2tog) on each needle (2 sts per needle, 6 sts total)

Add a small amount of fiberfill to the top of the cherry as you finish up.



Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull through the remaining stitches and pulling up tight to close the hole. Stitch to secure by pulling through the stitches again. Trim the end to stay inside of the cherry.

Next place the end from the frosting on a yarn needle. Pull the end through to the inside around the tomato pincushion. Come out through the bottom of the cupcake and pull the end all the way out. Go back into the same stitch and pull the end around the tomato and back through the top at the bottom of the cherry. Pull the end firmly to pull the cherry down slightly. Tie the end to secure tightly. Pull the end to the inside and trim so the end stays inside.

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